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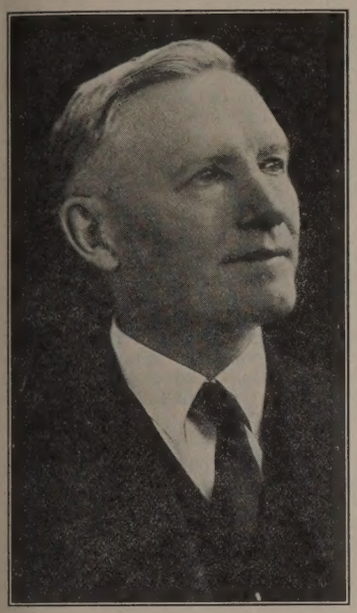

Rev. J. H. McCartney, Pastor of Broadmoor, San Leandro.

In the Survey-Graphic Jane Addams, world-famed social worker, draws this contrast: In Chicago before Prohibition thousands of boys and girls, a large portion of them drunk, frequented dance halls where the chief business was selling liquor. Since Prohibition, drinking and drunkenness in dance halls has practically disappeared. — Survey-Graphic, October, 1929.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16—Spring meeting Federation of Congregational Women, Broadmoor Church, San Leandro.

April 21—Sonoma Association at Cotati.

April 23—Santa Clara Association at San Carlos.

April 24—San Joaquin Valley Association at Fowler.

April 23-26 — Northern California Council of Religious Education. State Convention, Fresno.

April 25-26—German Young People's Convention at Cross Church, Fresno.

April 28—Upper Bay Association at Antioch.

April 29—Sacramento Valley Association at Auburn.

April 30-May 1—Central Association at Angel's Camp.

May 5—Bay Association.

May 7—Pacific School of Religion Commencement.

May 11-12-13—Southern California Conference at Ontario.

May 14—German Conference opens.

June 25-July 2—National Council of Congregational Churches. Seattle, Washington.

July 6-15 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.

July 11-16—International Christian Endeavor Convention. San Francisco.

August 1-8 — Congregational Young People's Conference. Asilomar.

October 20-22—Northern California Congregational Conference. Annual meeting. Plymouth Church, Oakland.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

A Sermon by Jacob Harvey McCartney

The terms kingdom of heaven and kingdom of God are used interchangeably in the New Testament. In spite of all that has been said of this kingdom, there still seems to be much confusion as to its meaning.

In view of the large place which it holds in Jesus' teaching, and the frequency with which it is mentioned in the Christian scriptures, it would seem that a clear understanding of the meaning of the term would be essential to a proper knowledge of the gospel message.

Therefore it is a vital thing for the church today to understand and interpret the kingdom of heaven for this age. Prof. George A. Coe and many others in the field of religious education have emphasized the necessity of making a proper classification of kingdoms.

In order that this kingdom may be analyzed and properly classified, let us first clear away the great fundamental error which has wrought so much confusion in the minds of many sincere followers of the great Teacher.

It is not a political kingdom!

Jesus explicitly stated, "My kingdom is not of this world," i. e. In nature it was not like the kingdoms of which they were thinking. His kingdom, or the kingdom of heaven, was not to be compared with kingdoms of the Herods or the Caesars, nor with that of David or Solomon.

That even his own followers had a misconception of the kingdom was shown by some of his most intimate disciples in their seeking the chief places of honor and power when his kingdom should be established.

The multitudes, carried away by his matchless personality, attempted to crown him king, and thus make him a temporal ruler of a temporal kingdom. Jesus chose instead the way of the Cross.

If, then, the kingdom of heaven is not political in nature, with what kingdoms shall it be classified?

There is a simple and general classification that places the material objects of our world in one of three kingdoms, mineral, vegetable or animal. However, these do not exhaust the resources of nature. The spiritual leaders of the race as well as man's own inner nature teaches him that there is a fourth kingdom. Let us then make the following classification of kingdoms: 1. Mineral, 2. Vegetable, 3. Animal, 4. Spiritual—which is called in the New Testament the kingdom of heaven, or which might properly be called the kingdom of the spirit, or the spiritual realm.

Jesus taught that this fourth kingdom should be ranked first in importance, hence his words, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." He further taught that the essential nature of man is spiritual, therefore he may properly belong to the kingdom of the spirit, and through his spiritual nature he may come into communion and fellowship with God, who is spirit. Hence we find Jesus saying, "The kingdom of heaven comes not by observation . . . for behold the kingdom of heaven is within you."

After all, does not this great truth of the spiritual nature of man seeking to come into unity with the spiritual nature of God lie at the heart of all religion? Are not all religious forms and ceremonies, sacrifices and ordinances but a symbolism of the struggle of a race "seeking after God, if perhaps they might find him"?

Prophets and seers of all the ages, who in their own inner natures have experienced the presence and leadership of the eternal spirit, have become interpreters and revealers to others who "ignorantly have worshiped at the shrine of an unknown God."

The creative process of the divine spirit works continually through the ages to bring the creature into unity with the law of the creator. Man's progress upward depends upon his coming into harmony with the law of the life of the spirit.

Thus we see that Jesus' teaching concerning the spiritual nature of his kingdom is in harmony with all that we know of the creative process of the development of life. "First the blade, then the ear, and then the full grain in the ear."

Jesus' greatest contribution to the spiritual struggle of the race lies in the fact that his own personality still remains the supreme manifestation of the life, will and character of God known in the history of man. He had such an experience of the life of God within himself that he was able to say "The Father and I are one." He knew God so intimately and revealed him so simply and fully as a just, kind and loving Father, that we are able to see in him those characteristics which we find in the dearest of human friends. On the other hand, he had such a fine appreciation of the worth of man that he revealed him as a divine spirit. He made man the living temple of the spirit of God, and made God so real to us and linked man and God together in such a vital way that we might well say that in his teaching of a spiritual kingdom he revealed the divinity of man and the humanity of God!

Life in the kingdom of heaven, to Jesus, was living in accord with the law of the spirit of God, which to him was the way of eternal life.

When his disciples returned from one of their victorious campaigns rejoicing in the power which they had used in a great service to others, he told them not to rejoice in their power, but rather to rejoice in the fact that they had found the way to live!

Again, when he talked with Martha concerning the death of Lazarus, she said, "My brother will live again in the resurrection." Jesus replied, "I am the resurrection, and he that lives my way of life shall live continuously."

Lyman Abbott calls this idea of the continuous life the greatest contribution which Jesus made to the doctrine of immortality.

"God is spirit. Behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

Mrs. F. W. Wilcox, Secretary of the American Missionary Association

SPEAKERS FOR SPRING ASSOCIATIONS

Northern California is especially favored in the team of speakers which will visit all of the Association meetings and the spring meeting of the Federation. Mrs. F. W. Wilcox, who for many years has been connected with the American Missionary Association, will represent the homeland work and in most places will conduct round table conferences on Missionary Education in the Local Church. Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer of Dindigul, India, will present the foreign work. He will specialize in round table conferences on "What Is Happening in India." Superintendent Harley H. Gill will look after the many interests of our Conference. Some of the Associations are planning special meetings for women, and others will have Young People's rallies.

CHURCHES TO SEND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Young People's Conference being planned for August 1 to 8 at Asilomar by our State Committee bids fair to be the "best yet." Faculty, tenthouse counsellors and other leaders are being recruited from all sections of the Northern California Conference. Indications are that not only will many former Asilomar young people return to familiar scenes and experiences, but large numbers of first-timers will register.

It is the ambition of the Committee that at least two young people will be there from each church in the conference. This is being assured in many places by the young people's societies assuming a share of the expense of the delegates and sending them as official representatives of the society. The inspiration of the fellowship, study and play at this Young People's Conference will last forever. No Congregational Church can really afford to lose this experience from the lives of its youth.

The office of the Southern California Conference has been removed from 714 So. Hill St. to 129 West Second St., room 611.

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RESOLUTIONS FOR DR. KENNGOTT

The Board of Directors of the Southern California Congregational Conference and the Board of Directors of the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles, the former representing 117 churches and the latter 38 of the churches of our fellowship, their members and their still larger constituency, desire to record their appreciation for the Rev. George F. Kenngott, Ph.D., D.D., upon the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of the Conference and of the Extension Society.

Dr. Kenngott came to Southern California after a distinguished service in the city of Lowell, Mass., and an earlier pastorate in Newport, N. H., to give 18 years in the prime of his strength of body and mind to the upbuilding of the churches of our order in this region.

He has through these years been a friend to many struggling churches, a goodly number of which have come to strength and self-support under his care. He has seen the membership of the churches of the Conference largely increased and the amount of money raised for their current expenses and their reported property value enhanced by four-fold. Many new and beautiful edifices have been erected in the meantime.

He has had a large vision of the possibilities and the mission of the churches of our order in the nation and especially in California, and has steadily pressed toward the goal of a greater service locally and in the world field. Largely through his efforts, in collaboration with Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, the Conference Treasurer through these years, the Mission work of the American Board on the West Coast of Mexico has been taken over by our Conference. In the wider National and International Congregational fellowship he has been outstanding and widely honored. In relations with sister denominations he has held a position of statesmanship and true fraternity.

With patience, tact and persistence he has pressed through obstacles, persuaded his brethren of the correctness of his ideas and achieved one objective after another in the common task of our California Congregationalism. The record of the growth of our work is so closely bound up with Dr. Kenngott that we cannot separate them in our thoughts. His work has been marked by sane judgment in practical affairs, high scholarship in things of the mind, and earnest devotion in things of the spirit.

More than anything that statistics can enumerate, Dr. Kenngott has been a pastor to our pastors and a friend to the men of our fellowship. Many a minister will remember his big-brotherly kindness in days of trial, his personal friendship for his brethren and his untiring fidelity to our whole fellowship. For all this we shall be grateful to him. His Christian faith has illumined many a dark hour and his courageous optimism has inspired us all more times than we can tell. We prize him as a true friend and Christian gentleman.

Now that his health makes it impossible for him longer to continue in the exacting work of the Superintendency, we admit with great regret the wisdom of his decision to surrender the burden, but we cherish the hope and expectation that he may for many years remain our pastor-at-large and continue to give our churches, people and ministers the benefit of his long experience, wise judgment and warm-hearted understanding.

We join our prayers to the great head of the church for this our friend and fellow worker, that his health may be restored and that he be granted strength to give yet many years of service by tongue and pen to the work he has loved and to the larger service of our fellowship. We would assure Dr. and Mrs. Kenngott of our abiding gratitude and friendship.

(The above resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the joint boards of directors of the Southern California Congregational Conference and the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles, December 9, 1930.)

SOME OF THOSE PROJECTS

A DOCTOR'S DIARY

An abbreviated diary—IF he wrote it in that form—of Dr. Vincent E. Wagner of Taiku, China, might read something like this during recent months: "Three new babies and a mother saved on Christmas Day . . . Needless to say I missed the Christmas service, as did Nurse Gertrude, who stayed to help me . . . No one could say we didn't celebrate the Christmas spirit . . . I was dead tired . . . I noticed yesterday that there was not enough plaster of paris to make any more casts . . . Reported that there is only a half can of ether left . . . We will have to keep going on novocain . . . Dizzy (Nurse Dizney) wants a new class in nursing for men, but it takes $75 (gold) . . . The Men's Hospital is filled, with three extra cots in the men's bathroom . . . We tried to take care of the hundreds of wounded soldiers, understaffed as we were. I shall never see anything sadder than these men, or forms of men, mostly boys from 17 to 20, lying on the ground doing their best to be cheerful . . . What could our handful of workers do, especially with the prospect of cholera and other ailments . . . Wounded and uncared-for for several days, they came to the number of over 300. I borrowed $200 (Mex.) for supplies on my own responsibility . . . I trust friends will help me meet this."

UNION KINDERGARTEN TRAINING SCHOOL

Foochow, China

Bertha Allen, a California girl, has endeared herself to all who come in contact with her by her sweet, unselfish, tireless devotion to her work in the Union Kindergarten training School in Foochow.

The principal of the institution for the past three years has been a young Chinese woman, trained in American schools for kindergarteners. but she is to be married this June to a fine young Chinese who also received training in America and whom she met while studying in this country. So it will be necessary to find another Chinese woman to take her place.

The government has done comparatively little so far in opening kindergartens and in training teachers for them, but they are very appreciative of the good work which is being done by our school.

This institution was built by the American Board in the city of Foochow. Since then the Methodist and Anglicans, both working in Foochow, have joined us and contribute money and workers to the institution.

WHAT CHRISTIANITY DOES FOR FOLKS

Instances From Kobe College Graduates

Mrs. Haseba (one of our teachers) and I called recently at the home of a young alumna who had within six months lost her father, her brother and her only child, a little boy of five! She was wonderfully brave, and said to us: "It was a good thing for me that I became a Christian when I was a student at Kobe College, because that faith has helped me to bear these troubles."

An older alumna who, with her husband, had come into a living faith two years ago, said recently (after telling of her husband's recent triumphant death), "I wonder why I was so obstinate while I was in school. I know that Miss Searle shed tears over my unresponsiveness as she tried to point out to me a better way than defiance of duty. But now I know that the joy that has come to me with my giving up of my own will to God is but the fruition of the seed that was sowed in my heart in those early years at Kobe Jogakuin."

One girl who did not stay to graduate, became a nurse and decided to go for a short time to the Akashi Leper Hospital. Once there her unselfish, loving life so won the affection and gratitude of the lepers and so bound her own heart to them that she found she could not break away, and so is continuing in what will probably be a life-service there.

Another, who dedicated herself, while a little girl in the academy, to a life of Christian service, has had long and varied experience; first as an evangelistic helper to a missionary, then as the wife of a self-supporting evangelist—and is now carrying on a fruitful Christian work in a poor district of Tokyo, supporting herself and her family by baking and selling cakes.

Another Kobe College (Mills College) alumna whose influence as an international friend will long have its result in the mingling of women of many nationalities — though herself extremely busy with her work as mother and school teacher, and many voluntary social and charitable enterprises besides, still took time to read the Bible with the housemaid of one of her friends, in the desire to lead that little maid into a living faith in Christ.

—Charlotte B. DeForest.

News Notes

LOOMIS. The Loomis Church entertained the Placer District Christian Endeavor Union Convention on March 7 and 8. There were 100 delegates present. The Convention theme was, "Shining for Christ." Principal speakers were: Howard Brown, State Secretary; Will Vogt of Sacramento and Rev. Rowland B. Dodge of Palo Alto. Thirty delegates were entertained in the homes of Loomis and vicinity. The Ladies' Aid Society and the Young People served the annual banquet: The Convention slogan was: "On to San Francisco in July." Among the new officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mrs. Walter Swetzer, President; Rev. Edmund Owens, Pastoral Counsellor.

Mrs. E. C. Peck of South San Francisco, in her itinerary of the Sacramento Valley in the early part of February, gave her most interesting travelogue, entitled "A Tour of the Nations," with costumes, to 400 pupils of the Loomis Grammar School. And at a covered dish luncheon at the church again spoke to more than 50 members of the Ladies' Aid Society and their friends.

PETALUMA. The Congregational Church cooperated with the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Holy Week services Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Friday afternoon. Dr. Sandford Fleming of the Baptist Divinity School at Berkeley was the speaker for the week. Thursday evening there was a union communion service. Dr. N. J. Breed, the pastor, preached at the three-hour union service held on Good Friday at the Episcopal Church at Santa Rosa.

United choirs of the Congregational and Methodist churches presented Mendelssohn's oratoria "St. Paul" on Easter night. The Young People of the two churches presented the play, "The Rock," on Palm Sunday evening.

BERKELEY PARK. Rev. and Mrs. Tom Watt have undertaken their new work and are living at 2131-A Russell St. Under their leadership the people of the church have been engaged in giving the building a thorough cleaning. The congregations have shown a marked improvement during the past month. The church is already planning on its golden jubilee anniversary two years hence.

BENICIA. The church has made a splendid recovery from the financial blow which came with the taking off of the Railroad Ferries, having subscribed the budget for the current year without an increase in missionary aid. A Junior High School group of girls serves as choir, and as a rule remain for the worship.

SAN FRANCISCO. FIRST. The church is welcoming Rev. Harry L. Everett of Jersey City, New Jersey, on the two Sundays following Easter, April 12 and 19. Mr. Everett was for some time associated with Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, but for 20 years has been in his present field. His church has a membership of over 1,700. He is widely known as a preacher and lecturer.

PACIFIC SCHOOL of RELIGION

PREPARES for the RELIGIOUS VOCATION

BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

SAN FRANCISCO. CALVARY. Armenian. The anniversary and annual meeting of the church was held on Thursday evening, March 17. A splendid dinner was served through the generosity of one man which was shared by nearly three hundred members and friends of the church. Reports were presented by the various departments and organizations which showed a healthy condition, splendid interest and a devotion to the pastor, Rev. H. A. Kartozian, and his wife. The Sunday School has grown in attendance and the Church is enjoying the worshipful atmosphere of the old Trinity Presbyterian Church building.

SAN FRANCISCO—GRACE-TRINITY CENTER UNITED CHURCH. Through the cooperation of the Turlock Chamber of Commerce and service clubs, the church distributed 720 dozen eggs to the unemployed.

The total attendance at all services and meetings for the month of February was 9,232.

SAN FRANCISCO RICHMOND. The old property has been sold and the claim of the building society paid. An appropriation of about $9,000 was made to the Bay Association and with the balance the church is purchasing an interest in the property of the Methodist Church, with which it is federated. In case the Richmond Church should cease to function as a Congregational Church, its interest in the Methodist Church property will revert to the Bay Association. However, with the lift of a considerable part of the weight of debt on the joint organization, it is hoped and believed that both the churches will go forward to greater strength and usefulness.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW. Attendance at morning worship has shown a marked increase during Lent. Improvements in the Social Hall are under way. Mr. James Salmon is the pastor.

SALINAS—FILIPINO. In a recent report from Rev. P. F. Royola, mention is made of the constant shifting of the Filipino population in order to find work. He then goes on to say: "If the primary object in reaching these boys with the Christian teaching is for an immediate response to join the Church, it will be almost impossible for the present situation. But on the other hand, if the higher purpose in preaching them the Message of Christ is to help them take Jesus as their example and guide that they may be able to withstand and live with all men in these troublesome days, then my efforts will not be in vain."

SAN LEANDRO - BROADMOOR. The church has made a beginning in the matter of a garden, some members contributing shrubs and others money with which to purchase plants. The Sunday morning congregations have shown a marked increase. Seven new members have been received.

SACRAMENTO. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, in his personal column in the Pioneer, has this to say:

"I was sitting in my car in front of the church last Sunday as people were gathering. I could tell in every instance who were coming to church and who were not. There were faces that were eager, bright, expectant. There were other faces which were dull, listless, uninspired. You know which were coming to church. They will be coming in that same spirit this Palm Sunday."

SANTA ROSA. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Jones, reports that the members have been quickened and encouraged, new prospects have felt an added urge toward church membership, other churches have come to have an added respect for the Congregational Church, and that a number of new members will be received, as a result of the Institute of Vital and Modern Religion which was held the week of March 15 to 22, as announced in the last issue of The Pacific.

THIS IS HOW WE MADE THE ADVANCE

Below is the record of the giving of the churches of our Conference during 1930 in comparison with their record for 1929. This covers only those gifts which came through our Conference treasury. The amount received through the Plan of Advance is indicated for those churches which participated by making way for an appeal to individuals. The churches that took care of the increase requested in the Plan of Advance, but which made remittance as a part of benevolences, are starred with an asterisk. All of those churches which made an increase, whether through the Plan of Advance or otherwise, are printed in bold-face type. The profound gratitude of the Conference office and of the various boards and missions to all of our churches for their loyalty and help is hereby extended.

Churches—	1929 Apportionment	1930 Apportionment	1930 Plan of Advance
Adin	$ 200	$ 152	$ .....
Alameda	560	647	135
Alturas	205	89	530
Angel's Camp	100	100	.....
Antioch	.....	55	38
Auburn	91	91	.....
Bay Point	.....	.....	.....
Benicia	33	29	.....
Berkeley, Chinese	.....	.....	.....
First	8828	8996	825
North	2000	1912	.....
Park	217	147	5
Biola	.....	.....	.....
Campbell	500	522	33
Ceres	700	507	2
Cloverdale	325	421	61
Cotati	135	106	.....
Crockett	166	191	65
Dinuba	.....	.....	.....
Elk Grove	.....	.....	.....
Etna	.....	3	.....
Eureka	364	318	138
Fairfax	35	125	31
Ferndale	276	272	35
Field's Landing	.....	.....	.....
Fort Bidwell	.....	.....	.....
Fowler	.....	.....	.....
Fresno, First	686	829	152
Free Cross	.....	.....	.....
Japanese	.....	.....	.....
Pilgrim	100	100	.....
Third	.....	.....	.....
Zion	.....	.....	.....
Glen Ellen	13	35	.....
Grass Valley	131	130	.....
Guerneville	40	.....	.....
Hayfork	.....	.....	.....
Hayward	113	138*	.....
Kenwood	52	77	.....
Lewiston	.....	.....	.....
Lockeford	50	35	.....
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	.....	.....
First	1668	1406	308
Loomis	105	105	.....
Los Gatos	70	100	.....
Martinez	323	263	155
Murphy	70	50	.....
Niles	75	38	50
Oakland, Calvary	33	65	35
First	6313	8064	1506
Fruitvale	93	.....	.....
Japanese	.....	.....	.....
Olivet	184	122	20
Pilgrim	357	149	53
Plymouth	1505	1648	540
Orland	47	.....	.....
Oroville	427	425	.....
Pacific Grove	540	520	100
Palermo	10	.....	.....
Palo Alto	2282	2221	395
Paradise	155	157	.....
Parlier	.....	.....	.....
Petaluma	351	416	164
Pittsburg	112	170	.....
Porterville	110	115	.....
Redwood City	807	800	145
Reedley, Armenian	.....	.....	.....
Finnish	.....	10	.....
Rio Vista	10	.....	5
Ripon	48	29	20
Sacramento	984	1182*	.....
Salida	36	54	.....
San Carlos	30	30	10
San Francisco—			
Bethany	250	448	35
Calvary	20	20	.....
Chinese	.....	.....	.....
First	2386	1616	266
Japanese	.....	.....	.....
Mission Park	225	(See Bethany)	
Ocean View	.....	6	.....
Richmond	82	66	3
Sanger	.....	.....	.....
San Jose	1381	1427	168
San Juan	.....	.....	.....
San Leandro (Broadmoor)	78	153	40
San Lorenzo	96	95	.....
San Mateo	20	394	135
San Rafael	5	16	.....
Santa Cruz	1255	1196	23
Santa Rosa	539	512	123
Saratoga	1110	1100	145
Sebastopol	133	158	140
Sonoma	300	325	39
Soquel	.....	12	.....
Stockton	2208	2062	48
Suisun	78	63	.....
Sunnyvale	50	80	.....
Sunol Glen	38	.....	.....
Tipton	.....	30	.....
Tulare	278	243	.....
Weaverville	48	45	.....
Woodside	160	179	.....
Reno, Nevada	491	415	46
Miscellaneous and Individuals	4720	2114	1286

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

THE SPRING MEETING

The Spring Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women will be held at Broadmoor Church, San Leandro, Thursday, April 16. People from the east bay cities should take the car out East 14th St. to Dutton Ave., then walk about two blocks up Dutton Ave. to the church. Delegates from San Francisco should take the Southern Pacific 7th St. train to the end of the line and walk about two blocks down Dutton Ave. to the church.

Mrs. F. W. Wilcox of the American Missionary Association will speak on "Church Women of Today and Tomorrow." Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer, for fourteen years a missionary in India, will speak on "Home Life in India." Mr. Lorbeer was born at Sacramento, graduated from Pomona College, and under the American Board is representing the Long Beach Congregational Church at Dindigul, India. He supervises the Mission Schools and churches of his district as well as a boarding school for some 245 boys and girls.

Programs

More programs for social relations and education are available at the Federation meeting—Send your Commissioner! Ask Mrs. Miles B. Fisher and Mrs. Gail Cleland.

A Good Example

One women's group has sent $100 to the Conference office as an extra benevolence gift. This will be used for Home and Foreign work, just as the Plan of Advance Money, not to be applied on church apportionment. Who will be next?

Believe It or Not!

Miss Chang Shun-Ching of Peking, China, has the distinction not only of being the first woman lawyer in China, but also is said to be one of the youngest persons admitted to the practice of law in her native land. The young woman was educated in London, and is of a charming personality, and a great future has been predicted for her in her chosen field.

Central Association

The women of Central Association will hold their annual meeting some time during the regular Central Association meeting, which is to be held in Angel's Camp this year. The dates are April 30-May 1, but the exact time of the women's meeting is now uncertain owing to conflicts.

Miss Helen Perkins, Home Field Secretary, has a very charming way of telling of her field work. One knows immediately that Miss Perkins' heart is in her work. The story of her recent visit to Salinas Valley and the Royola family was most interesting. (Mr. Royola is the Filipino pastor in Salinas). If more of the churches could hear that story—Mrs. Royola's ever-flowing coffee pot and Mr. Royola's gasoline tank would be kept well replenished.

Mr. Royola travels many miles every day and evening, visiting the camps, where he holds religious meetings, helping the boys and doing all he can to keep them away from the dance halls and gambling dens, whose doors are ever open and every inducement is put forth to take their hard-earned money from them. Mr. Royola's christian example is doing an inestimable good. Let us help this good work.

TRINITY

"A man is the sill and ceiling of his house,
He is the straight wall rising from the earth;
A woman is the golden glow of lamps,
The firelight on the hearth.

A man is to his house a sheltering roof,
A wind break, and a refuge from the rain;
A woman is the warm, bright scarlet flower
Beyond the window pane.

The children are the air and sun that sweep
Through open door—A cleansing thing and good,
Trinity on earth that makes a home
Where once a house had stood."

FIRST CHURCH STOCKTON

First Church Stockton has four women's organizations, with a splendid fidelity to the church and its upbuilding both spiritually and financially. And now that the church is without a resident pastor, they are working hard to keep up the interest and attendance, so that when a new pastor comes into the field he will find a healthy, wide-awake membership.

Again this year, each of the groups has accepted the full quota of the social welfare work as given out by Mrs. Lenfestey. Central Association President Mrs. R. A. Fuller belongs to two of these groups and will permit of no lagging in Federation interests.

First Church has as its project a part of the salary of Dr. Alma Cooke at Elizabeth Memorial Hospital at Lintsing, Shantung, China, and are rejoicing in the last good news that Dr. Cooke is convalescing after an illness of several months.

The Deo Juvante Circle, a group of young women, recently gave a Silver Tea and Fashion Show, with fine success, the proceeds to be used as an Easter gift to the church.

NEW SLIDES

A new set of slides, "The Lure of Alaska," has been allocated to the San Francisco office, to take the place of "Mission Projects," which has been sent to Chicago. Some of our people may remember that we formerly had a set of "The Lure of Alaska," which was one of the most popular sets we have had. But this was recalled a few years ago. Since that time the lecture has been entirely rewritten, with new slides. For a time we had no missionaries in Alaska, but now the mission stations are fully manned again, so this lecture will show what is being done there.

Wets claim that youth has been more criminal under Prohibition. "On the contrary," says the Federal Children's Bureau, "only 9.4 per cent of commitments in 1923 were between ages 18 and 20, as against 11.8 in 1880 and 12.1 in 1890."—Report of Federal Children's Bureau of Labor Department, 1926.

Rev. George E. Atkinson, Conference representative to the state Christian Endeavor Union, writes that in 216 days a total of 267 new Endeavor societies were organized in California.

Still More News

Rev. William H. Youngman has recently resigned the pastorate at Cloverdale and is now residing at 511 Humboldt St., Santa Rosa. Mr. Youngman's resignation comes as a result of illness over a period of 15 months. During this time he has directed the work of his parish and arranged for Sunday supply and a good deal of pastoral work. He now feels that the welfare of the church demands the full-time service of a man and is therefore stepping aside. During the months that are past the Cloverdale church has carried on in a splendid way and revealed a love and devotion to the pastor which has been most heartening. Mr. Youngman has been a most faithful pastor in a number of our Northern California churches, and his wide circle of friends wish for him a speedy recovery to health and active service.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. Armenian. The pastor, Rev. V. H. Yessayan, reports an average congregation of 70 for the month of March and an average attendance for the Sunday School of 40 out of an enrollment of 45. The average attendance at young people's society was 25, which is 7 more than the membership.

OAKLAND PILGRIM. The Men's Club of the church was recently addressed by Rev. E. A. Lowther of the First Methodist Church on "Prominent Men I Met in Europe." The pastor, Rev. Charles H. Cleaves, is a most persistent parish worker, having made 106 calls during March.

OAKLAND PLYMOUTH. Dr. V. H. Podstata recently gave a series of three Sunday evening addresses with an attendance ranging from 590 to 625 per lecture. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, gave the Ash Wednesday address at Petaluma.

AUBURN. Rev. W. E. Eckles, pastor, reports the largest congregations since the beginning of his work two and a half years ago. During the past two weeks Mr. Eckles has been laboring under a handicap because of the serious illness of Mrs. Eckles' mother, who recently passed away.

ALAMEDA. Six hundred and fifty-four people attended the Easter morning service and over a thousand were present at the two services. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, was made glad in being able to receive 40 new members into the church.

BERKELEY. CHINESE. On Sunday, March 8, a communion service was conducted by Dr. Miles B. Fisher. One infant and one adult were baptised and seven members received into the church. Mr. B. C. Wong is the pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. The Easter congregation was more than 500. Fifteen persons united with the church and seven were baptised. The offering for the day totaled $352. The pastor, Rev. C. H. Stevens, preached on "The Lord Is Risen Indeed."

TRINITY COUNTY. Rev. Robert James Allen has fully regained his strength and is hard at work. There has been much sickness throughout the County, which has made the problem of church and Sunday School attendance a difficult one during the winter.

OAKLAND FIRST. Each Wednesday night during Lent, following a church dinner, there are study groups. Mr. and Mrs. England have charge of the children who are touring the Caribbean Islands; Dr. F. J. Van Horn is leading a group in the Social Ideals of the church; Dr. Ralph Waddell is conducting a course with the book "Trailing the Conquistadores."

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